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## GUIDING FOOTSTEPS TO A HAVEN

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### Private Vehicle Travel Okayed

(SEA) — Enlisted men are now permitted to travel via privately-owned vehicles when carrying out permanent change-of-station orders, and officers may do so on any type of travel orders, if the orders contain no travel instructions to the contrary, announced Alnav 618-46 (NDB, 15 December).

The distance between duty points under the system will be the shortest usually traveled route as shown in the official mileage tables.

The travel rate will be 250 miles per day, and the rate of travel divided into the distance is the period of travel time authorized.

Any distance of 100 miles or more in excess of the standard 250-mile day units, will be counted as an extra day.

### G. I. INSURANCE HOLDERS MAY GET A DIVIDEND

Washington (CNS) — All former and present holders of National Service Life Insurance, including men still in the service, are scheduled to receive dividends, the Veterans Administration has announced.

In a general statement announcing the proposed dividends payments, VA officials pointed out that it will take statisticians at least a year to check the existing 18,000,000 policies. Upon completion of the computations, dividends payments will be mailed out.

### Navy's Antarctic Cruise Called Just One Step In Science Program

(SEA) — It's called "Operation Highjump," but the Antarctic Developments Project 1947 (as it is formally titled) is actually but "one more step in the Navy's peacetime program of science," according to Rear Admiral Richard H. Cruzen, USN, Task Force Commander of the Antarctic expedition.

Admiral Cruzen revealed purposes and plans of the huge operation in a radio press conference prior to the departure of TF 68. He listed among purposes of the trip the fundamental one of testing standard Navy ships and equipment and training Naval personnel in operations in very cold weather. Also, exploration of the Antarctic, including photography and collecting scientific information, was mentioned as an important purpose of the voyage.

The total force will consist of 13 ships and about 4,000 men, divided into three groups. Two groups, each composed of a large seaplane tender, a destroyer and an oiler, will operate to the east and west of the central group headed by the flagship, USS *Mt. Olympus* (AGC-8).

This, the largest expedition ever to go to the Antarctic, will enter the Ross Sea and establish a base

### Leave Rates Out; GIs Pay Civilian Fare

Washington (CNS) — Service men and women will begin paying full civilian fare of 2.2 cents per mile on buses and trains on January 31st. The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that the reduced furlough rate of one and a quarter cents per mile will go to the full civilian level on that date.

Railroads and bus lines operating east of the Mississippi river proposed cancellation of the reduced fares effective December 31. On protest of the military branches of the government, the ICC suspended the schedules until January 30.

The ICC said that no reasonable ground had been presented for investigating the fares and issued an order discontinuing the proceedings. Thus, the higher civilian fares for military personnel were allowed to go into effect.

At a December hearing in Washington, the various armed forces asked the railroads to reconsider. The services contended that present reduced rates should continue in effect so long as Selective Service existed.

The furlough rates were inaugurated in 1941.

near "Little America," about 2,000 miles south of New Zealand.

From there, flight operations will extend as much as 700-800 miles into the interior of the frozen continent.



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## Shooting the Breeze with the Editor

For this week's speech I have chosen a piece from "Miss America."

A porcupine spends its life on the defensive. It's so sure everyone who comes near it means harm that it bristles its quills. Result: Nobody ever comes near it.

If you shrivel with fear of people, try being friendly.

Funny thing about friendliness. No human can resist it. Be friendly as a puppy. Friendly as a cup of coffee—with sugar in it.

Funny thing about sweetness. Everybody falls for it.

A girl who is sweet and friendly because she trusts others is so popular she's the talk of the town. Nice talk too, honey. And if you are sweet and friendly, you are a honey.

If a girl-friend snubs you, brush it off. Not the girl, but the snub. Chances are a hundred to one she wishes she hadn't done it.

Expect people to like you, and they will like you.

Expect to have fun wherever you go, and you will have it.

Be a good friend, and you'll have 'em by the dozens.

A porcupine looks for nothing but trouble—so he has it—and all by his lonesome.

## Your Chaplain Says . . .

Its time we said a big *Thank You* to the ward visiting groups. You have probably enjoyed their gifts of fresh fruit or home baked goodies, and may have wondered about the organizations they represent. The hospital has no complete list if these visiting groups, but here are some of them:

The Navy Mothers Clubs of Corona, Riverside, Redlands, San Bernardino, Anaheim, Alhambra, Bell, Compton, Covina, Downey, Monrovia, North Hollywood, Ontario, Pasadena, Santa Ana and Whittier.

The American Legion Auxiliaries of Corona, Pomona, Anaheim, Fontana, Fullerton, and Ontario.

The Marine Corps League Auxiliaries of Beverly Hills, San Bernardino and Pasadena.

The Norcorian Service Club of Los Angeles. The Pleiades Club.

The Disabled American Veterans of Ontario and Corona.

The Blue Star Mothers of Alhambra.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Anaheim, Riverside and Whittier.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it serves to show the variety of groups that are represented, and the wide geographical area from which they come. The ideal of service finds a wonderful expression in all these friendly visits and personal favors. Two clubs have made layettes for families of our Naval personnel, showing that their interests are not restricted to the compound.

Thanks, visitors, for all your good work. And if we forget to mention our gratitude for every little item, let this article indicate our united thanks. *K.D.P.*

## Schedule of Religious Services

At St. Luke's Chapel:

*Protestant—*

Sundays at 0930—Holy Communion. Sundays at 1015—Divine Service.

*Catholic—*

Sundays at 0830—Holy Mass.

*Jewish—*

(Chaplain from J. W. B., Los Angeles.) Mondays at 1330.

At Sixth Deck Chapel:

Daily Mass at 0645; Sundays at 0630.

The chaplains are available for private ward ministrations. Offices of Chaplain Perkins and Chaplain Wieber (both ext. 99) are in the Chapel building.

A Protestant Bible Class meets at 1830 Mondays and Fridays in Chapel.



A brighter, more homey atmosphere prevails in the Waves Quarters these days, now that the top sacks have been taken away . . . Seems almost like your room at home (and we use the term loosely) — quite exclusive, unless you have a cell (spelled c-u-b-i-c-l-e!) mate—but even then its a lot nicer without the extra bunks!

No tearful farewells for Georgia Krough . . . her papers under her arm and a beaming smile from ear to ear, she sailed out the gate like the Queen Mary last week. Smooth sailin', Georgia.

Nicky is still floating around on pink clouds but over whom, even she isn't sure!

. . . And then we had Trixie waltzing to work last week . . . feeling gay and happy . . . that's the spirit, Trix!

Pay day was a bit on the extravagant side in lots of ways—Prissy, Ruth W. and Bettina talked (thanx to Alexander Graham) to their boy-friends and Nicky was out with one and talked to the other. Some days y' can't make a nickel and others y' can't even keep up with the Jones' . . . but its



*The only caption that came with this picture was the name of the photographer, and I know you're not interested in that. Anyway, she'd make a nice pal for some Bos'n that specializes in line-throwing.*  
(RKO Photo)

nice work if you can keep the phone numbers straight!

It was quite a shock to walk in the barracks and see the place literally swarming with men . . . 'Course Smitty and Hub were only leading a working party!

Dorm "A," the quiet room of the barracks, was a bit aroused a few nights ago over the finding of some things and caused quite an uproar



Rumors are flying that Red Cross is going to receive some bicycles. With this wonderful Spring weather approaching, wouldn't it be fun to organize a Bicycle Club?

During the past year we had innumerable off-Compound trips. They have been varied but if you have any suggestions or requests, please contact the Red Cross Recreation Worker on your ward.

During the past week, 12 patients were guests of the Tennis Club in Palm Springs. Lunch was served and the afternoon was spent in swimming and dancing.

Another popular event was a trip to the Horse Races at Santa Anita. All left with big hopes of doubling their money — some did — some didn't!

. . . Johnny can state the particulars!

Every so many Saturdays, a few Shirley Temples appear . . . wonder why and how come?

There are so few Waves any more that news is becoming hard to find enough of (oh well, never could speak English!) . . . guess we'll have to improvise and stir up a little gossip of some sort!

But for now we'll but the BED-LAM to bed and say soooooo long!

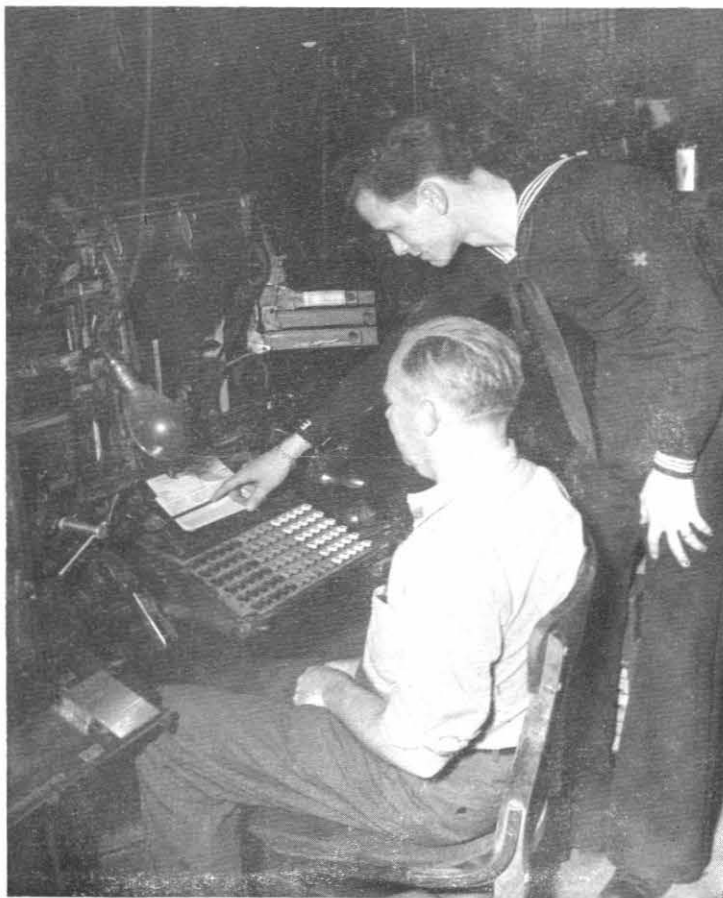
*Bettina*

## STALEMATE

By Harold Jones, S1

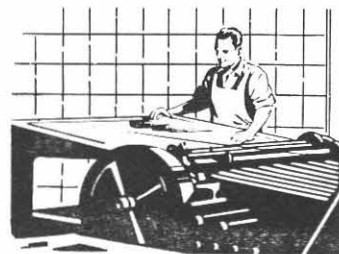
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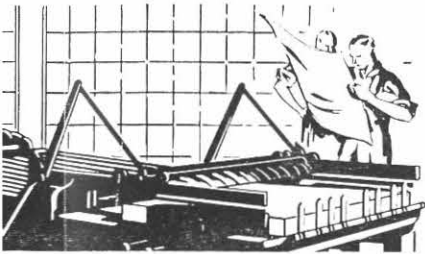


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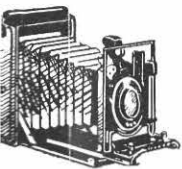
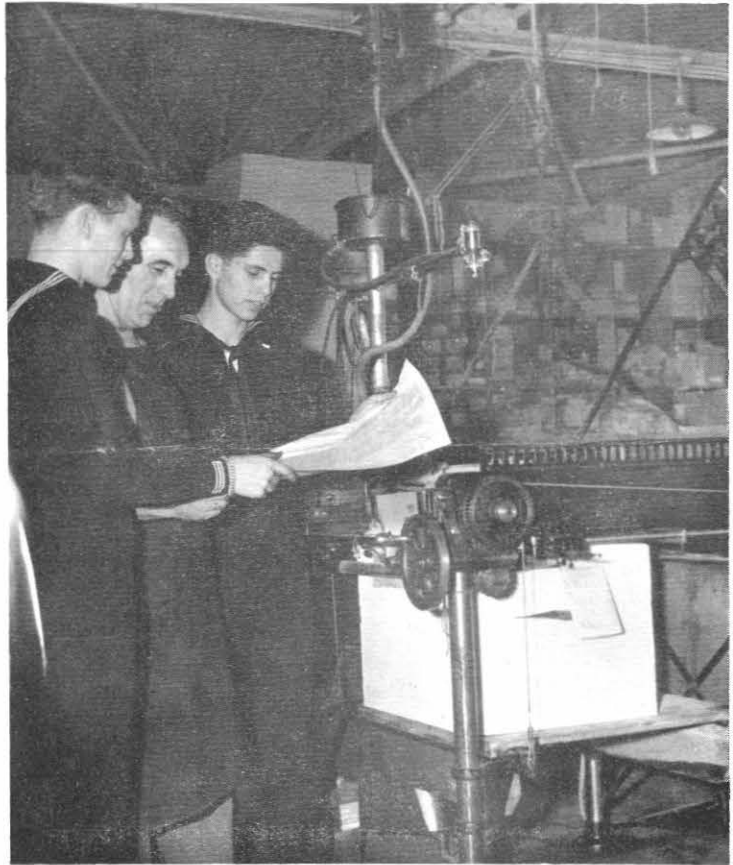


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*Ah, the finished product, all ready to be cut and folded to be later delivered.*



*Setting the type in the page form, so that it will all fit. This is the hardest part. Also makes the printer the maddest. Ha! Ha!*

## "Vet's News"

An "iron lung" now stands ready to serve the veterans in Southern California, Veterans Administration announced today.

The West Los Angeles VA hospital center, Wilshire and Sawtelle Blvds., is one of the 17 VA hospitals over the country which has been equipped with resuscitation and respiration apparatus, used to induce artificial breathing when lungs fail to function normally. It is especially useful in cases of infantile paralysis.

Veteran-patients requiring continued artificial respiration may be transferred to West Los Angeles or any VA hospital having an iron lung.

Within a short time, smaller portable-type respirators will be installed in each of the VA's 13 branch offices over the country. They will be available in emergencies until veteran-patients can be placed in the larger, permanent-type lungs.

Veterans in Southern California write an average of 20,000 letters per day to the Los Angeles Veterans Administration regional office.

Nearly 2,000 veterans in Southern California are operating their own businesses with G-I Loans approved by the Veterans Administration.

Approximately 37 per cent of the 13,959,000 World War II veterans have applied to the Veterans Administration for training or education under Federal Laws.

The Mental Hygiene clinic, a part of the out-patient department of the Los Angeles VA regional office, was the first, and served as the model for, other clinics activated by the VA.

## BEACON GOES TO PRESS

About time we give our own department a little build-up, don't you think? Yes, we do! In these few lines I am going to try to tell you the intricacies of publishing the newspaper you are now reading.

First, as you know, there must be something to write about. Sometimes that isn't as easy as it sounds and the reporter really has to ferret out the "scoops." Sometimes they come easy. Well . . . no matter how hard or how easy the story is to get, it has to be first set down on paper, with the help of a typewriter, of course. The blasted thing is typed out so that it will just fit the space allotted. Then it goes to the editor. (In this case, it's me). Nope, this paragraph won't do at all! Let's get a little more of **THIS** and a little more of **THAT**. Okay, Okay. I don't mind. After all, this is my job. Hey Joe! Do ya spell nuts with a capital N? Finally all the errors in spelling and punctuation are removed and the story is ready to go. Got to have a picture to illustrate it! Whereinells the photographer? Now we will just pretend that we have all the stories and pictures (have to pretend,

'cause we never do have all of them at once) so it is ready to go to the printer. (period, end of line)

With the aid of a linotype machine (see picture) and a few prayers the stories are set in type and a proof of them is run off to catch any mistakes made by the linotype machine. Now all the errors are corrected and it is ready to be put in page form. First, in go the engravings of the pictures, the type having to fit in the space left. As the printer says, "Whattya think type is, RUBBER"? By this time I have come to the decision that a fifty-line story will not fit in a forty-line space. Amazing deduction, my dear Watson! Got a paragraph too much. Okay, cut out this one. Now it fits! What's that you say? You'd like it better on page eight? Okay, so I am getting paid for it, so what? All right. Now it's on page eight, but we've got two extra lines to fill! Hey Joe! Got any two-line jokes? No? Oh hell, we can always fill it up with "Kilroy Was Here"!

With the setting-up process completed, all that remains is to print the darn thing. First the pages have to be set in the press so that all the pages will be printed evenly and correctly. That part is comparatively easy. You know, just like "The Music goes in here, goes round and round and comes out here! Same thing! After the printing, it is run through a machine that, through much clanking, puffing, groaning and squeaking, folds the cut and printed sheets.

Now all that remains is to get it back to the hospital and deliver it to all the wards and departments, which I just did!

Oh, incidentally, the printing is done at the Rubidoux Printing Co., 3650 Fairmount Boulevard, Riverside. PLUG!!!

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Open for patients 0800 — 1600 and 1800—2100 Monday through Friday and 0800—1100 Saturday.

Ask your Ward Medical Officer to sign an O. T. prescription so that you can work in the shop.

The shop is open for staff 1800—2100 Monday to Friday. The shop is closed on Thursday nites!

# SPORTS

By H. J. Hallman

Since you last heard from me the team has played five games, winning three and losing two.

In the first game they traveled to San Diego where they ran up against a rough nut to crack, namely the Miramar Marines. The home team was beaten with an 18 point loss, score being 67 to 45.

Next game time the squad was playing against Los Alimitos Air Station. At the end of the game the scoreboard showed Hospital 49 to Visitors 31. The team had again scored a victory. The fliers put up a tough fight till the third period when the heat was turned on by our team. They fell so far behind that they were unable to make a decisive comeback.

For the next game we had to travel to Camp Pendelton, where, in a free scoring game, we won by a score of 70 to 54. The next night "Gray's Malt Shop" from Beaumont came here only to be set back on their heels by a stunning 71 to 42 defeat which saw everyone on the bench in action, including yours truly.

After having the duty over the weekend, the boys put up a good fight on Monday, only to be defeated by a great combination of height and shooting power representing the Naval Training Center of San Diego. It was really a game all the way, but NTC had a greater number of reserves, which enabled them to substitute more freely, which was the decisive factor of the game. It was a moral victory for the Hospital insofar that we held them as well as we did, but a numerical victory for NTC by five points, the score being 58 to 53.

Although Johnny Taylor doesn't want this to be known, I thought I might let you know that he is leading the league in points scored, and

## MOVIES

Saturday, 1 — "SONG OF THE SOUTH." (A Disney Feature)

Sunday, 2 — "BORN TO SPEED," Johnny Sands, Terry Austin.

Monday, 3 — "THE WICKED LADY," M. Lockwood, James Mason.

Tuesday, 4 — "THE WICKED LADY."

Wednesday, 5 — "DEAD RECKONING."

Friday, 7 — "STANLEY and LIVINGSTON," Spencer Tracy, Nancy Kelley.

The sage says:

A woman be as old as she looks;  
a man be oldeth when he stoppeth looking.

A kiss that speaketh volumes is seldom a first edition.

## HELEN HIGHWATER



"No, Mother, we're staying in to-night. I haven't a thing to wear."

also that Rod is among the top ten, being tied for eighth place. Don't be mad Johnny, those are the things readers like to know.

## Crackin' the Quip!

By Ships' Editorial Association

Definitions:

Alimony: The high cost of leaving.

Sailor: A wolf in ship's clothing.

Woman: Women, generally speaking, are generally speaking.

Duck: A chicken with snowshoes.

Hula Dancer: A gal who chews gum and is Wrigley all over.

Sam held her hand and she held Hiz'n

And then they hugged and went to Kis'n.

They did not know that her dad had Riz'n.

Madder than hops and simply Siz'n.

And really 'tiz'n right to Liz'n.

But Sam got Hiz'n. And went out Whiz'n.

Does the truth bore you? Are you an Ultra-novelist?

## BEACON LIAR'S CONTEST

(Native Californians Ineligible.)

Rules of contest.

All entries must be in the Beacon Office before 13 February and may be written in any form that is readable. Obscene words, obvious or inferred, must be kept to a nautical minimum. All stories must be original or of obscure birth and limited to not more than 400 words. According to the judges, Dr.'s Klingbeil and Taylor, who promised not to submit an entry, more than three true statements will be considered disqualifying. In case of a tie, home address of submitter will be considered. Prizes will be given for the first and second winners. The lie will be published and the author will be given his or her personal choice of any 1947 automobile.



Some little quip about the beach or the bathing suit should go under this picture of Margo Wood, but for the life of me, I can't think of a thing except, "Wroof, Wroof!!!"

## Watcha Know Joe?

I. If you've been listening to Duffy's Tavern pretty regularly, this vocabulary problem may help put you back on the straight and narrow. The idea is to match the verbs listed in the left hand column below with the appropriate nouns found in the right hand column:

- |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| (a) Show    | (v) Intention |
| (b) Offer   | (w) Plan      |
| (c) Declare | (x) Attention |
| (d) Reveal  | (y) Sympathy  |
| (e) Pay     | (z) Interest  |

II. A problem to challenge your mettle. In the left hand column are listed five different trees. While they are not limited to a single state of the union, nevertheless certain states are popularly linked with these trees. See if you can match them:

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| (a) Horse Chestnut | (v) Indiana    |
| (b) Sycamore       | (w) Vermont    |
| (c) Cottonwood     | (x) California |
| (d) Sequoia        | (y) Ohio       |
| (e) Hard Maple     | (z) Kansas     |

III. Here's a beaut. Each of the questions below can be answered with the abbreviation of a state. See

## Talk of the Compound . . .

Before this gets too far along, want to let you know that Buddy Hunter and Helen M. Dumler of Russell, Kansas, (Buddy's home town) jumped hand in hand off the happy end down in St. Luke's Chapel the 21st . . . . Chaplain Perkins doing the honors . . . Buddy is expecting to go to duty soon . . . Mizzus Crosby having the time of her life watching over the Medical Library now across from the Skipper's office . . . incidentally, the Medical Library moved to where the Officer's desk used to be, and the Personnel Office moved to where the Medical Library was . . . and the Finance Office is going to move in where the Personnel Office held out (or should I say *holed out*?) . . . the Officers desk got lost somewhere in the mess . . . Lt. Lynagh down Ship's Service way says that plans are being made to have the Fountain open at nite a couple of nites a week . . . save going off the base when you get in that coke-guzzling mood after 1630 . . . alohas were said to Dr. Boice and Dr. Furtos t'other day . . . Dr. Boice is going to San Francisco and Dr. Furtos went to Sampson, N.Y., on TDA . . . roses to Johns for setting up the Gym in HQ Quarters . . . wish we had more like him around here . . . welcomed aboard Dr. Mazfield who is going to work in Dental . . . also Dr. Miller who comes to take Dr. Boice's place . . . hear that Hollywood is making a movie called "Kilroy Was Here" . . . that's one movie that ought to have plenty of advance publicity . . . any of you good people that want to get on our mailing list when you are transferred to another station, just give us your new address or mail it to us when you get there and we will mail the paper to you . . . *No Charge* . . . anybody want to argue about that article on California weather? . . . write it in a letter and send it to the Beacon Office . . . if it is justified, we will print it . . . well, this is the end of the rope . . . S'all fer now . . .

what you can do with them:

- (a) Which state is a father? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Which state do school boys often avoid? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Which state needs a physician? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Which state was the original floating zoo? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) Which state is a two-place number? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: (a) Father—Pa.; (b) boys avoid—Wash.; (c) physician—Ill.; (d) zoo—Ark.; (e) number—Tenn.  
 Answers: (a) Horse chestnut—Ohio (y); (b) Sycamore—Indiana (v); (c) Cottonwood—Kansas (z); (d) Sequoia—California (x); (e) Hard maple—Vermont (w).  
 Answers: (a) Show—Interest (z); (b) Offer—Sympathy (y); (c) Declare—Intentions (v); (d) Reveal—Plan (w); (e) Pay—Attention (x).